



MONTEREY NEWS

JULY 1991



TOWN NEWS

The Selectmen met with Tom Smith of Massachusetts Electric to discuss the company's plans to convert the town's street lights from mercury vapor and incandescent source lights to sodium vapor source lights. The sodium vapor lights will provide a lumen level no less than the present lights, and the light will be an orangeish color as opposed to the present white lights. The Selectmen agreed to provide police aid for the line crews during the installation. Smith also presented the Board with a street lighting rate change, proposed for October 1, 1991. The cost of the new lights is estimated to be somewhat lower than that of the current lighting.

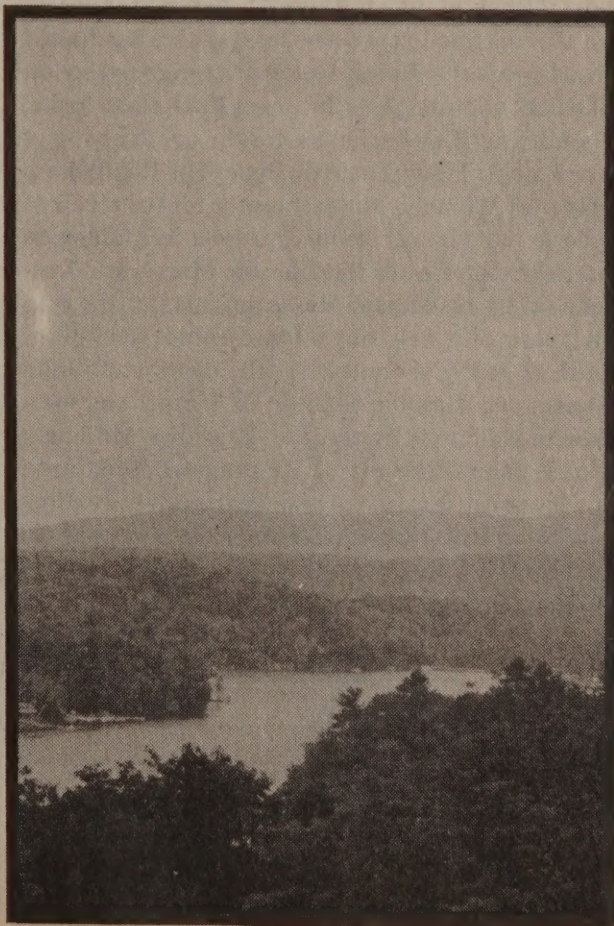
The current paving work on Route 23 and Tyringham Road is being done by Lane Construction of Meriden, Connecticut. Of the two bids received for the work, Lane's was the lower.

Monterey resident Art Hastedt has volunteered to coordinate a fund drive to raise money for a Veterans Memorial in Monterey. The memorial would honor Monterey veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Mr. Hastedt is working in conjunction with Veterans Agent Arnold Hayes.

In an attempt to complete the Konkapot River clean-up started last fall, Selectman Georgiana O'Connell has contacted County Commissioner Peter Menard. The Board will request in writing that the County Commission complete the work on River Road and the Konkapot River by October 1, when the Lake Garfield dam is opened. The work entails removing fallen trees from the river and preventing any further undermining of River Road.

The Selectmen met with the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board to review the procedure for dealing with nonconforming buildings in the building permit process. Recently there has been a question

about whether a special permit is necessary if the proposed changes to a nonconforming structure or lot do not increase the nonconformity. The bylaws clearly state that "any nonconforming use may be enlarged or expanded if authorized by Special Permit of the Board of Appeals," and then the law goes on to specify the size and type of changes that are allowed within the bylaw. Selectmen Bill Bohn expressed concern that even minor changes in a nonconforming structure or lot require an applicant to go through the Special Permit process with a meeting of the Board of Appeals and a formally publicized



SUSAN McALLESTER

public hearing. The process can take as long as sixty-five days and cost up to \$100. Board of Appeals member Ozzie Dugan reminded the Selectmen that the Special Permit process is mandated by state statute and that in order to reform or streamline the process it would be necessary to change the bylaw. After some on-the-spot research, Peter Vallianos of the Board of Appeals suggested that the town consider creating a new post of Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator would be empowered to decide whether minor changes to a nonconforming structure or lot would increase the nonconformity.

The Selectmen have set Saturday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. as the date for their annual second-homeowner meeting. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall and will give part-time residents of Monterey the opportunity to discuss issues of concern to them.

The following building permit applications were approved: Elizabeth Wool, for the construction of a sun room on an existing deck at her Main Road home; Rick and Deborah Mielke, for the construction of a new house off Route 23; Judith Mortenson, for the construction of a new garage at her Sandisfield Road property; Frank Duke, for the construction of a deck addition to his Elephant Rock Road home; Gareth and Rita Backhaus, for the construction of a new single-family house on Pixley Hill Road; Bram Haver of Whately, Massachusetts, for the repair of a deck and damage resulting from a tree falling on his Seven Arts, Lake Buel, house; Marcia and Kenneth Weiss of Waban, Massachusetts, for the construction of a new single-family home at Stevens Lake (Lot #7) submitted by the contractor, John Dinan, Jr.; Timothy Stanton of Tyringham, for a new single-family dwelling on Beartown Mountain Road; James Masters of Huntington, New York, for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on Swann Road; Geho Gold-Neill and Shravan Neill of Monterey, for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on Route 23.

— Maggie Leonard



PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held a special meeting on June 10 to discuss the Fox Hill Realty Trust subdivision. The Board voted unanimously to approve the definitive plan of Fox Hill.

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on June 13 with members Joyce Scheffey and Maggie Leonard and Chairman Wayne Burkhart present. Richard Atwood of Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, presented the Board with three surveys. The first was a proposed land division for John David O'Connor, Sr., which would divide his 9.5-acre parcel in the lakeshore district into two parcels; one lot of 9.0 acres and the other of .50 acres. Mr. Atwood pointed out that the buildings on the lot do not conform to the present zoning bylaw, as they pre-date zoning. It was his contention that it is a use by right to divide the properties. The Planning Board asked Mr. Atwood to produce documentation of his contention, and the plan was put on hold until further information can be obtained.

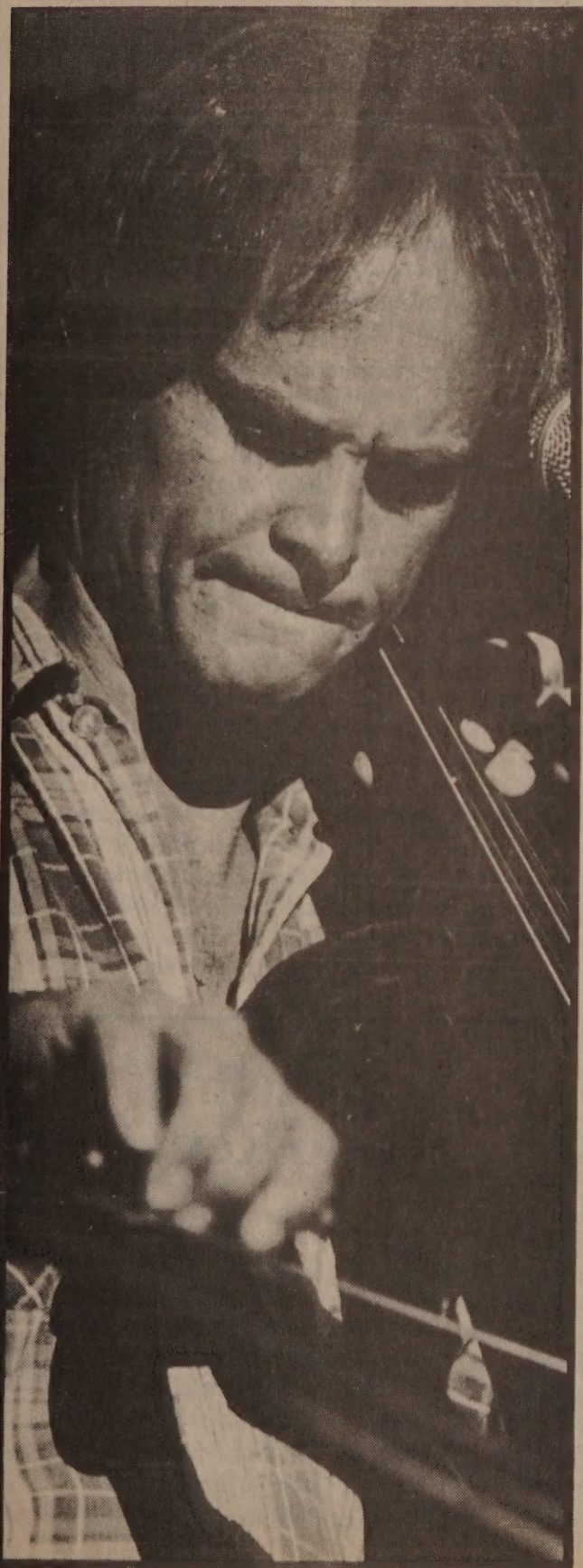
The second proposed land division was for James E. and Kathleen Lanoue for their 12-acre lot on Tyringham Road to be divided into three parcels. Each proposed lot meet zoning requirements, and the plan was approved and signed by the Board.

The final survey was for the 40.406 acres on Tyringham Road, property of James C. Pearson, Jr. The proposed plan divides the acreage into five parcels: lot #1 is 5.029 acres; lot #2 is 5.029 acres; lot #3 is 2.004 acres; lot #4 is 6.281 acres; lot #5 is 22.063 acres. All lots meet or exceed the zoning requirements, and the Board approved and signed the plan.

The Board received the formal resignation of Elk Dempsey from the Planning Board, effective June 30, 1991. Chairman Burkhart suggested that the Board meet with the Selectmen July 1 to discuss the appointment of a new member to fill the vacancy.

— Maggie Leonard





CHURCH NEWS

Do we have something special for you . . .

DAVID DARLING IN CONCERT

Saturday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Master cellist David Darling will bring his unique blend of jazz, classical, new age and world music to Monterey in a concert to help benefit the ministry of the Monterey Church. A prolific recording artist with over 25 albums to his credit, David performed with the Paul Winter Consort for almost a decade. He has performed with such diverse artists as Bobby McFerrin, Spyro Gyra, Pilobolus, Western Wind and Roy Orbison. David's creative one-man show highlights both his acoustic and electronic talents and touches people of all ages and musical interest. He is also the director of the Music for People Foundation and leads workshops across the country when he's not in concert.

Also appearing on the bill will be the Berkshires' own world music quintet, **CRITICAL THEORY**. Tickets are only \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and can be purchased at the door. Seating is limited, so come early.

This is the kick-off event for a new thrust in our ministry focusing on the arts. Read future issues of the *Monterey News* to learn about the exciting things that will be happening as our ministry grows.

— Cliff Aerie

A cheerful heart
is a good medicine,
but a downcast spirit
dries up the bonus.

— Proverbs 17:22

*Once in a while
we take God seriously
and find what fun
the enterprise can be.*

— Thomas John Carlisle

COME SHARE THE SPIRIT!

The Monterey United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 A.M.
(childcare available)

PARK COMMISSION NEWS

Swimming class reminder: The Red Cross swimming classes will again be taught by Priscilla Gulliver (528-2076). The dates are August 5-9 and 12-16.

3 and 4 year olds at 10:30

Beginners at 11:00

Advanced Beginners at 11:30

Intermediates at 12:00

Swimmers at 12:30

A lifeguard course for those over sixteen will be held in July—time to be announced. An adult course will also be offered during the two weeks from July 22-August 2. Sign up with the lifeguard.

There will be familiar faces returning to various beach jobs. We welcome back Jennifer Hall as lifeguard and Priscilla Gulliver as swimming instructor, and checking your passes and parking your cars will be Bob Gauthier.

Beach passes are again required. They are available, free of charge, from Linda Thorpe at the Town Hall on Saturday mornings.

Our handy and very complete little beach is presently catering to many fishermen, who use our unobtrusive, but most adequate, boat ramp. In June, it magically turned into a swimming area when Mark Makuc put into place the rafts and brand new buoy lines. The telephone, turned on May 1, the shed and the Portajohn have proved successful added conveniences. The town crew has replenished the sand, and the lifeguard chair has been spruced up. We're looking forward to a great summer season!

A personal note from Fran Amidon:

I leave the Park Commission in very competent hands and feel very good about that. A great deal has happened since 1954, when I first started swim classes here. And it just keeps growing. On to tennis, golf and who knows what else. It is probably the most fun commission in town. I surely have thoroughly enjoyed it, and I thank all of you who have been so very supportive over the years.

It's hard to believe that after 35 years of nearly continuous community service, Fran Amidon has retired from the Park Commission. From the first swimming lessons at the town beach and the construction of Greene Park, right up to the birth of Monterey skating, Fran devoted herself to the health, safety and recreation of our townspeople.

Whether cruising down a ski slope, skimming the lake on water skis, getting first or last licks in the lake (to test the water temperature, the state of the weeds, or just for the feeling), or maintaining aerobic conditioning with a long brisk walk, Fran's personal charm and physical grace have set an indelible example for the enjoyment of country life.

Just get out and do it! Surely, that's exactly what Fran will continue to do with husband Dean at her side, making the most of Monterey. And wouldn't surprise us if Fran once again hears the call of the town and appears on the Park Commission ballot. She has our vote!

— Tom Rosenthal, Jim Thomas and Mick Burr

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COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Should the Monterey Community Dinners continue? What do you think? We need your input and support if we are to continue this long-standing program of community caring. Come to the next dinner (July 10, 6:30 p.m., in the Church community room) and make your wishes known. You can also learn about the "Astrological Significance of Monterey" as Mary-Kate Jordan presents a program exploring this town's star chart.

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on June 5 for election of officers. All current office holders were re-elected.

The Grange won first prize in the Berkshire Pomona Grange Exhibit contest.

June 19 was Fun Night in charge of Patricia Holohan and Violet Hardisty.

Several members attended Friendship Night at West Stockbridge Grange on June 3 and the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration at Heart of the Berkshires Grange on June 12.

Plans were discussed for a food sale in August and an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair in September.

The next meeting will be July 17 for our annual Youth Night. Youth from surrounding granges will conduct the meeting and furnish the program.

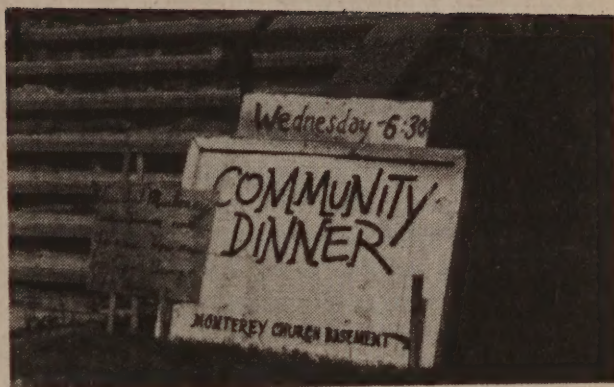
— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

FOCUS ON QUILTS

Quilts will be the focus July 12 and 13 at the General Knox Museum at the Monterey Library. Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., the public is invited to attend a presentation by Berkshire County quilter and teacher Marsha J. Schulte. Accompanied by many examples of quilts and quilt pieces, Ms. Schulte's lecture will highlight quilting as a means of both individual and group expression from 1840 to the present.

Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., old and new quilts from Monterey will be on display at the General Knox Museum, complementing Ms. Schulte's presentation. Anyone interested in loaning a new or old quilt to display for the event, please contact Barbara Tryon, 528-0728, or Shirley Clute, 528-6888.

The weekend events are co-sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society and The Bidwell House.



LAND TRUST NEWS

The Monterey Preservation Land Trust will hold its annual meeting and picnic at Bidwell Park on Sunday, July 14. (If it rains, we will hold a business meeting in the church basement, and the picnic and musical entertainment will have to wait for another year. Alas.) Park at the store, grange, or post office parking lots. Don't attempt to drive down to Bidwell Park.

The day will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a business meeting and election of officers for 1991-1992. There are positions open on the board. If you'd like to serve, or nominate someone, call Joyce Scheffey at 528-6785.

At 1:00, our picnic will begin. Board members will bring chicken and salad. We ask members and friends to bring the same or vegetables and desserts. We will provide iced tea and "good for you, yet delicious" soda pop. If you'd like other beverages, please bring them along. Bring blankets to sit on.

On October 6, the Berkshire County Land Trust Alliance will sponsor a conference at The Mount. The panel discussions will be of special interest to our town boards. They are "Land Trusts Working with Conservation Commissions," "Assessing Lands," and "Community Development." Applications with details and a list of panelists and speakers will be available soon, but because space will be tight, I want to be sure that our Planning Board, Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Board of Assessors note the date. This will be the first such conference held in western Massachusetts and is open (as space permits) to land trust members from Berkshire, Litchfield, Columbia and Dutchess Counties, as well as to members of town boards of these communities.

— Joyce Scheffey

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

The two months that our daughter Rajee was at Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield last year were brightened so much by the cards she received in the mail from many of you. While she was in the hospital, I noticed that many children never received any mail at all. Knowing that other children could also benefit from the pleasure of getting mail, an idea began to form.

Recently, I brought a proposal to the Shriners Hospital which was enthusiastically endorsed. I wanted to help send cheer and healing thoughts to as many of the children as possible. I proposed that I would establish a network of people, called Friendly Neighbors, who would mail a weekly card, book, flat game, or puzzle to an assigned child for the duration of his or her hospital stay. Every week I now receive a list of names of children staying for anywhere from two weeks to many months.

The children range in age from eighteen months to twenty years. They are in the hospital for orthopedic treatment of limbs or back. They endure long weeks of being bed-bound, immobilized, in traction, and wearing casts. They are healthy kids wanting to live a normal life.

Pedro, who is five, is from Colombia. He is living at the hospital for several months, but has no family or relative nearby. Paraskeni is 13 and from Cyprus. She too is alone far from home. Six-year-old Ryan and 15-year-old April each expect to be in the hospital two months. These and many more children welcome special thoughts and attention.

Join me in giving yourself a measure of joy by making a child feel good. You will become part of a system of well-wishers. At our house we have made this a family affair — our children send thoughts to children of their own age.

Call or write to me for your child's name.

— Jan Aerie
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MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

Well, summer is here again. The Monterey Library has another full season of events and programs for this year. To start with, I should just remind you about the children's reading program which is being run by our newest trustee, Laurie Shaw. Laurie reported in last month's *Monterey News* that there would be several activities coming up for children in connection with the program. Still to come are: a series of films for children on July 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the library basement; a trip to Alford for a presentation by bird rehabilitator Julie Collier on July 11 at 1:30; more films on August 3 at 10:00; and the final activity, storytelling with Nicky Hearon and a party on August 24. Children are invited to attend any or all of these events, which are free of charge; most of all, though, we encourage children of all ages (and adults, too) to come in and use the many facilities the library has to offer.

The annual Book and Bake Sale is coming up fast. This year, as always, it is on the morning of the Steak Roast (July 27), starting at 10:00 a.m. We hope and expect that this summer's sale will be a great success. Please donate any books (no old textbooks, please) you have lying around. If you'd like to bake something or give some excess produce from the garden, that would be of great help, too.

It is not too early to mention the reading/discussion series planned for Monday nights in the fall. Details are not yet set, but the series will be "The Quest for Utopia," consisting of the following books: Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward*; C. P. Gilman, *Herland*; Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*; Ursula LeGuin, *The Dispossessed*; William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*. "The Quest for Utopia" will be our third reading/discussion program. The first two, in summer 1988 and early spring 1990, were very well received. Eventually, we'll hit all of the seasons.

Our very success has caused us a few problems, though. Since we have had two programs already, the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, which has funded the programs fully before this, will now fund only half the budget of the series, and we have to make up the rest of the money from elsewhere. We anticipate some help from the Monterey Arts Council, if the money is available from the state; but it will still not make up the remaining half of the budget. It may be that for this series we shall have to ask participants to pay a

registration fee (less than \$10) to cover expenses. It still is a bargain to get to hear these presentations and discuss these books.

Come to the library—it's here for you.

Library Hours

Monday	7:00-9:00 p.m.
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— John Higgins



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GOULD FARM NEWS

A Master Plan for Gould Farm

Robert Penn Warren, a favorite poet/novelist of mine, wrote a book called *A Place to Come To*, in which he explored how the places we've lived or visited make lasting impressions on our emotions and memory. A lake, a park, a farm or woods—these places often signify an experience of peace and healing, of enjoyment, or of growth and inspiration.

Gould Farm has been this kind of "place to come to" in Monterey for almost 80 years. William and Agnes Gould initiated the present use of the Gould Farm property in 1913, and the purposes and operation of the farm (it was incorporated in the late 1920s as a non-profit organization for respite and rehabilitation) have been remarkably consistent with the Gould family vision.

A Land Use and Master Plan Committee has been meeting regularly to evaluate how we are doing in the important task of maintaining the physical side of the Gould Farm vision. Our plan will help us to do the work and to make the developments which will enhance the environs of the farm as an effective and inspirational place. A report from our committee will be submitted to the Gould Farm Board in a few months.

We know that the whole town has an interest and an investment in Gould Farm. Several of our

committee members bring an important off-farm perspective to this task.

The committee plans to study and make recommendations concerning land use, physical plant and utilities such as waste and sewage facilities. We especially want to address how to make our operation more compatible with the environment—something which is becoming increasingly important when we count the expense and the earth-spoiling potential of the common ways everyone has been building, operating and sewerage. We want to see whether there are appropriate new procedures, or find the extra effort to do things in old ways which may be more earth-friendly.

We hope to have a chance to discuss this plan with many of you in an organized way in the future—perhaps we'll even hold an informal "hearing" for community input. In the meantime, we know that Gould Farm is an important part of the community for many of you. If you have a special idea or concern, now is a good time to mention it to me or to anyone else at the farm, who will direct it to the committee. Feel free to give Director Larry Bienemann a call to discuss your feelings and ideas.

We want to continue the tradition of Gould Farm as one of the special places "to come to" in our town.

— Wayne Burkhardt



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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

A special thanks goes to Sandisfield Playgroup leader Brenda Olivieri and the enthusiastic group of families who helped to raise \$860.15 in the annual bike-a-thon. Twenty-two children participated. During these times of budget cuts, we are very grateful for their generous support.

From the desk of Jodi Tuller, Nursing Director at CHP: BIKE SAFETY BULLETIN: Recently, I saw a video on cable TV. The topic was bike safety, so I thought, "Tis the season," and I would like to pass on some tips for parents.

1. Helmets: get one for yourself and use it. Children learn from their parents! Get one for your child and make sure he/she uses it! There are great covers for helmets which make them the new fashion statement! Children's Health Program has some discount coupons for Plaine's in Pittsfield — stop by and get one. Many discount stores have approved hard-shelled helmets for \$20.00 and up!
2. Passenger seats for adult bikes need to have spoke guards to prevent hands and feet from getting stuck. Remember, two-wheel bikes are not designed for more than one passenger and are off balance.
3. A child who is not large enough to pedal a tricycle is not safe as a passenger on an adult bike. Even with an approved passenger seat, infants and small toddlers can be seriously hurt if the bike tips over.

WIC has announced Nutrition Education groups to be held free of charge at CHP. For parents of children 15 months to five years: Tuesday, July 16, at 1:15 p.m., and Monday, August 12, at 9:15 a.m.; for parents of children four months to 15 months: Tuesday, July 9, at 1:15 p.m., and Monday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Activity News! Some playgroups will continue to meet in an unofficial capacity. Please check with the playgroup leader for more details. We are fortunate to have received Arts Council grants from the towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Monterey, and Otis to purchase tickets for families to attend performances of the Robbins-Zust Mariettes on Tuesdays beginning July 2 and ending August 27 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Mixed Company Theater on Rossiter Street in Great Barrington. Please call Claudette (528-9311) if you would like passes for your family.

July 11—Picnic at Beartown State Park, Monterey. Bring a picnic lunch and come join us at 11:00 a.m. No parking fee.

July 17—Picnic at Umpachene Falls Park, New Marlboro. Bring a picnic lunch and come join us at 11:00 a.m. No parking fee.

July 25—Trip to Millbrook School Zoo, Millbrook, New York. Meet at CHP at 9:00 a.m. to form a caravan or call for directions. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket. Donation to zoo: \$1 adult, \$.50 child over 5. The drive should take about an hour.

— Claudette Callahan

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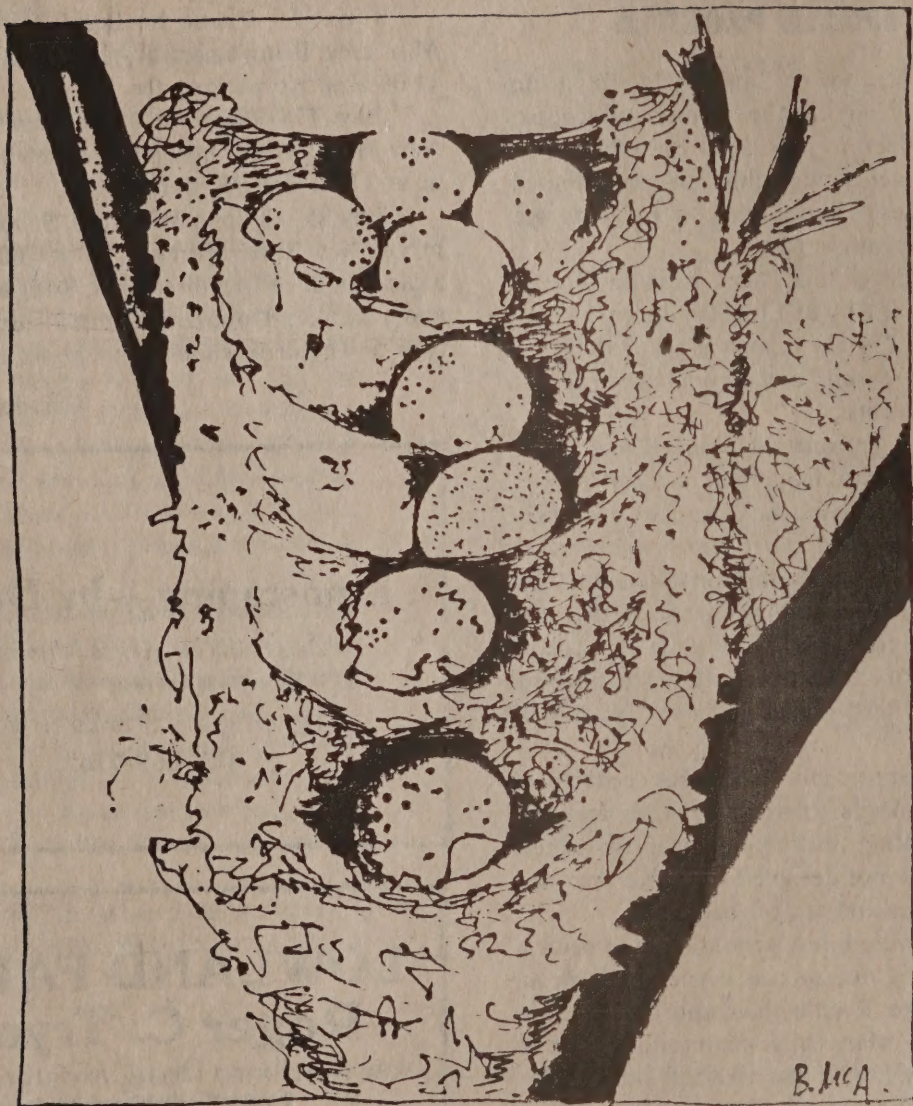
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Cutaway view of a five-story yellow warbler nest showing eight cowbird eggs. The warbler tried four times to build a new nest over the foreign egg (after a photograph by W. V. Crich).

COWBIRDS IN THE ORCHARD

I'll be the first to admit I haven't yet hit my stride in orchard management. We have about thirty trees, and some of them went in the ground fourteen years ago. We had barely begun clearing the land here, but we made a place for a couple of trees that were given to us back then. We kept hacking away at the woods, the stumps and the rocks, until we wound up with a nice little hillside orchard. Anyone who has dug out an oak stump of any size, or a cherry, or even a white pine, can appreciate the work that went into establishing our orchard.

An orchard, like a garden, is never "done," it's never "in." I do hear about people who spend the weekend "putting in the garden," but I know they had better be there the next weekend, too, *keeping* it "in" or it will vanish. The local jungle will absorb any clearing, and the local animals will gobble up anything tasty and unprotected.

I keep the jungle at bay in our orchard with the help of a lawnmower. It's quite a job hauling the snarling machine up that hillside, dodging rocks, ducking under low branches, and always pushing back the suckers and saplings at the sides of the clearing.

The animals that gobble up our orchard include some big ones, like deer and porcupines, and some little ones, like aphids and caterpillars. The ones that hurt us the most are the plum curculio beetles, and they have turned out to be the toughest to control. We take the so-called organic approach to gardening and orchard management, but the curculio is impervious to "gentle" pesticides. I put on goggles and respirator and head out with a load of poison on my back. I think about the honeybees and other beneficial insects, the innocent bystanders including frogs in the tall grass. I use less of this chemical spray than I should and many curculios survive.

One reason I hate to poison the orchard is that ever since we got our pony we like to take her out to graze around the apple trees. She does a better job than the lawnmower, never hits a rock, and she looks pretty there. Also I love the daily routine of riding her up, bareback with just a halter and leadrope, and then bringing her back at the end of the day. For the past month or so I've noticed she has a couple of pals in the orchard. When I go to bring her down, two female cowbirds fly up from the grass and sit in the nearest tree.

The cowbird, also called "cow blackbird," "cow bunting," "lazy bird," or "buffalo bird," is closely related to the red-winged blackbird. Most early ornithologists and naturalists malign the cowbird because of its unusual nesting behavior. It builds no nest of its own but watches as a bird of another species builds its nest, waits until there is at least one egg laid, and then pops in and lays its own egg there, too.

This behavior is known as "social parasitism" and has led to considerable moralizing on the part of nature writers. One has written that the cowbird is "parasitic in habit and degenerate in all moral instinct." Another states, "He is . . . a bird of no principles, a 'low-down character' [who] usually goes with

a flock of other evil spirits just like himself. . . ."

Some host species can recognize a cowbird egg as being different from their own. Robins and catbirds throw them out of their nests. Smaller kinds of birds that can't get the large eggs up over the rim may just build a new nest over the intruding eggs (see drawing).

Recently studies have been undertaken to determine the effects of cowbird parasitism on endangered species of warblers and other small birds. We now know that only three percent of cowbird eggs survive. This means that however small the female's effort may be, it is largely wasted. The only reason cowbirds have stable or growing populations is that they can lay many eggs. Most birds lay one or two clutches in a summer season. The oviduct and ovaries shrink or "regress" after each clutch. Cowbirds are the only wild passerine birds which do not show this regression. A female can lay 40 eggs in one summer, or 80 over the two summers she is likely to be alive and productive.

I have been reading about the cowbirds in our orchard, and I find that they eat weed seeds, caterpillars, and curculios. If they hang around our pony, it is to grab the insects she stirs up as she moves through the grass. Earlier cowbird ancestors followed the herds of buffalo in this country, sometimes perching on their backs. Some say this is why the cowbird's nesting behavior evolved the way it did. The cowbirds left their eggs in the nests of more sedentary species so they could follow the buffalo.

Now when I see the two dusky grey birds hop up from the grass near our pony, I imagine them to be full of curculio beetles. I also imagine the Great Plains, black and brown with massive woolly beasts as far as the eye can see, each with its attendant buffalo bird.

— Bonner McAllester



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Streams and trails*

*I stumbled upon it
With fate as my guide
With no doubt about it
This is a great find*

*Now if you come here
And feel the same way
Let it be said
You'll look forward to each day.*

— Roy Gaudette

CHANCE ENCOUNTER

*No one knows the change that chance encounter
May subtly bring to a prosaic day
Unless by walking on a careless mission
And talking to yourself—having your say.*

*Or, drifting idly down the shore of dreams
You all at once hit snags and go aground;
Ask who it was that sent you these new worries
Then give your boat a push—and turn around.*

*When trotting down the street you suddenly see
A friend approach to pass the time of day
How is it that your thought changes its channel
From dark to light, from serious to gay?*

*And if you meet a lively little bird
The kind that twirls a song of coming spring
What rapture when you realize you've found
New joy—the kind that only birdsongs bring,*

*A chance encounter speaks its urgent message
As nothing else can ever easily do . . .*

*I try to have a chance encounter daily
And now I think that maybe—so should you!*

— Sue Moody

VESPER

The sun just now dying:

*Now gone, beyond the wood behind my lake,
Down in double glory, rose and amber—
And only one thin long wedge of black
Between the waning lake and sky:*

*Now silence, windless and pure,
And purer still for a thrush's silver elegy,
Woodwind sweet and clear in dark,
On lake, on sky.*

— Harold Corbin
from *Counting: II*, 1987

ENCHANTMENT ON HUPI

*Full Moon,
A white-tailed deer and I
Regard each other
From a safe distance.
Decades go by,
Eons.*

— Steve Maye

BREATH

*Into the air!
Catapults springwind perfume
Blossoming blooming bellowing beckoning
Holy song of God
Entering into the sinews of my soul.
Arise arouse again alight
Then!
On my arms and in my hair
It curls and swirls and seeps deep.*

— L. Chirico

THREE HAIKUS

*Orange moon is shining
On the darkened pond; beavers
On golden mirror.*

*One last dried leaf still
Clinging to the maple tree—
New buds surround it.*

*Angels are singing
And tabernacling within,
Silently with God.*

— Ann M. LaVallée

UNIVERSAL SOUP

*Wormholes, cosmic strings
Chaotic inflation
Dark matter and massless neutrinos
Galaxies like crochet loops
Hooked around vast voids
Great walls of matter, axions, black holes
Cosmological constants and knoblike textures
Quasars and things that go "bang" in the night
Throw in the anthropic principle
And what have you got?*

Why, the Universe

— Loul McIntosh



THE GENIE

*Pacing down a frozen shore
I spied the genie who must, perforce,
Tender me a single boon.*

"Tell me,"

*I said, "Pity's ground. My dog
Cries always for the swelling in his throat.
He cannot lap nor eat. He shifts his head
First up, then down, seeking ease
Which flees forever.*

*"Hence twelve hundred miles
On a warmer shore my mother weeps
For bitter age and loneliness.
Her friends are dead. All day long
She sits alone.*

*"I ache for both, dog and mother,
Day and night, and cannot choose
Between the pains. Explain this sin."*

*The genie groaned. "I do not know,"
He said. "Though sin it is,
I do not know. I too ought weep
Day and night."*

— Jim Michelman

ENIGMA

*My first is in walk but not in run.
My second in play but not in fun.
My third is in stool and also in seat.
My fourth is in shoes as well as in feet.
My last's not in cane, but it is in crutch.
My whole is something we use very much.
What am I?*

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— E. Kimberley

Answer on page 18

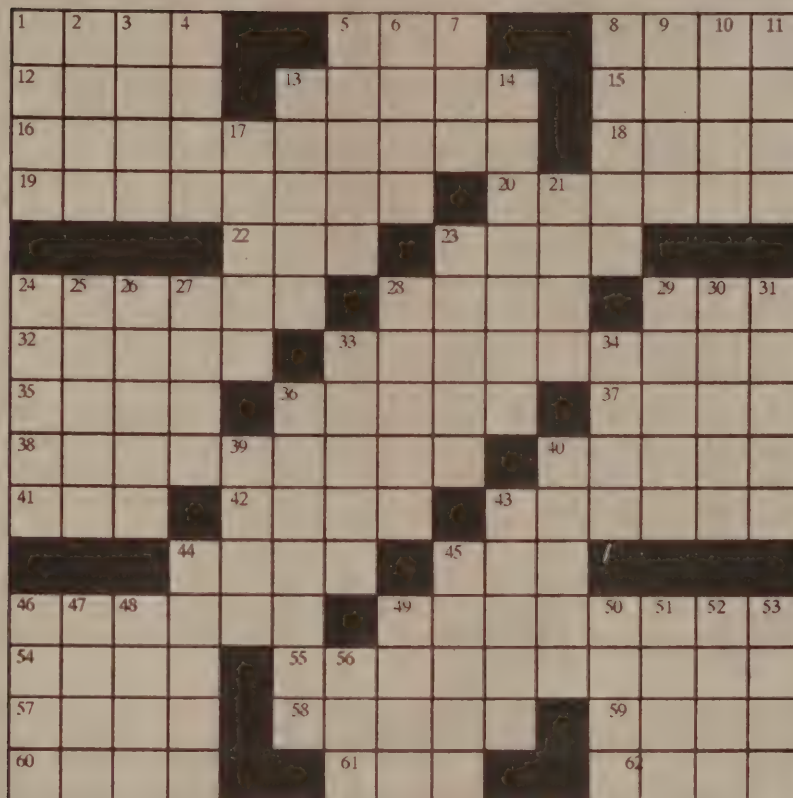
Hungry baby robins



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PREPARING A RESUME

By Ted Tchack



ACROSS

- 1 French town
- 5 Students for Dem. Soc.
- 8 Marquis de
- 12 Placed
- 13 Direct
- 15 Notion
- 16 RESUME ENTRY
- 18 Lean
- 19 Melt
- 20 Asserts
- 22 Beverage
- 23 Goad
- 24 Infuriates
- 28 Candid
- 29 Lord Mayors(abbr)
- 32 New York town

33 RESUME ENTRY

- 35 Cabal
- 36 Watchful
- 37 King of Israel
- 38 RESUME ENTRY
- 40 Diced
- 41 Short response
- 42 _____im-passe
- 43 Woman's name
- 44 Remain
- 45 Propeller
- 46 Italian town
- 49 Start
- 54 Utensil
- 55 RESUME ENTRY
- 57 Neglect

58 Mischievous

- 59 Movie detective
- 60 Blank and Brooks
- 61 Prefix meaning same
- 62 Present

DOWN

- 1 Conveyance
- 2 Conveyance
- 3 Facial feature
- 4 Lyrics
- 5 Lawrence or Martin
- 6 Sand hill
- 7 Govt. Agcy.
- 8 Raga necessity
- 9 Mine entrance

10 Printer's instruction

- 11 Consumes
- 13 Horizontal piece
- 14 Dangerfield's lack
- 17 Bellows
- 21 Food fish
- 23 Reject
- 24 First in a series
- 25 Synthetic fiber
- 26 Hired thugs
- 27 Prefix meaning within
- 28 "_____ a Grecian Urn"
- 29 Dantean circle
- 30 Mushroom
- 31 Nasty

33 Denver footballer

- 34 Trip
- 36 Fred of the movies
- 39 Rodents
- 40 D'Oyly
- 43 Rock pile
- 44 Deposits
- 45 _____a million
- 46 Particle
- 47 Not all
- 48 Dirt
- 49 Uncertain
- 50 Measure
- 51 Pain
- 52 Rip
- 53 Medieval serf
- 56 Letters

MONTEREY HISTORY

The Lake Garfield Golf Club

The Lake Garfield Golf Club was formed in 1928 by our summer residents of Monterey. This was a stock company, and A. Wallace Tryon was the only resident of Monterey who came forward to buy a share of stock to help promote activity in the town. The property back of Harold Greene to Sue MacIver's and along Tyringham Road, a 93-acre tract, was bought by the L. G. G. C., and at once the old meadows and undeveloped land began to turn into fairways and putting greens. At the west end of the property a large club house with kitchen, showers, and ballroom was built, and the view from the porch overlooking the mountains on a New England sunset evening was out of this world.

They had many activities in the afternoon and evenings. In the large ballroom at one end of the long room stood a large open fireplace made of fieldstone taken from the stone walls on this property. At the north side of this sixty-foot building were two large glass doors that opened onto the first fairway. This was very convenient for elderly people to enter the building from ground level. In the center of this room hung a large chandelier which was very attractive. They had many social dances with a five-piece orchestra playing until midnight. The dances were held on Saturday nights for the convenience of the many persons who worked in New York and came by train to Great Barrington or Hillsdale on Friday night to be met at the station by a family car. They had clam bakes, corn roasts and many potluck suppers during the summer season.

The Rev. George Miller was the minister who was preaching here then, and he started "sings" at the club house which were held in the inside of the building every Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The singers came early and stayed late. Mrs. Grace Miner was at the piano. Grace would bring the hymn book from the church, and everyone had a book of his or her own so the words could be followed. Whoever had a choice song he would like to have sung would call the page number and off they would go. Rev. Miller was the leader of the group.

Outside there was a caddy house which was moved up from the village where the present post office stands. This building was used as the Monterey Free Library until a legacy was left to the Town of Monterey from an old town girl who was born and educated in our schools. This girl was the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tryon, who were the owners and operators of Tryon's Hotel, the first building back of the Congregational Church on Tyringham Road. Tryon's daughter, Alice, married a Frank Conley, and they built and operated Conley's Inn in Torrington, Connecticut. In her will she left a sum of money to the Town of Monterey to be used for a library, and it was put into a Library Fund. With some of the fund and an appropriation approved by the Town annual Town Meeting, we were able to have a new public library.

The old library was moved to the land of the golf course and used for the above-mentioned caddy house. A large freezer was bought, and the players could keep their beer cold, as well as have a nice fresh sandwich made to order by the counter girl, who was Amy Enoe. Upon their return from the ninth green hot coffee and cold soda were also on hand.

The club had a big loss as the building caught fire and burned. From then on the club went downhill until they decided to sell the land and equipment. They sold the tractor, fairway mowers, greens mowers, hundreds of feet of iron pipe, an electric motor, a large storage tank for water, and at last the land to Donald Amstead. Donald made a ranch-type house on the old cellar using the large stone fireplace and chimney. Soon he moved in a sawmill which was run by a large diesel engine, which made loud noises, not appreciated by his neighbors! The slabs started to pile up, so Don decided to burn them on the spot. This was good for some time, but late one evening the fire worked its way to the caddy house where Don kept his supplies and the caddy house as well as the mill went up in smoke. Don's oldest son and wife, with their five children, live on the property now.

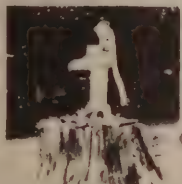
Here are some of the old members of the club you might like to remember: Dr. and Mrs. Henry Groehl, Att. Harry and Lucille Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mahr, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Diefendefter, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somers, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. Thomas Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lankenau, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lankenau, Mr. Edward McKeown, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Emile, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Tas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pluthner, Mr. Nathan Hanes, Mr. Fred Groehl, Mr. and Mrs. John Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gotsberger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White-

stone, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ferguson, Dr. and Mrs. Sackman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Guden, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fijux.

At the annual Town Meeting held in February, 1967, it was voted to buy ten acres of land from Donald Amstead for the purpose of constructing a Town Hall or Community Center on same. The Town voted and raised the sum of \$7,000 to buy the land, and they also voted to nominate a committee of five to bring in plans for a new building at next Town Meeting. This was done, but the plans were voted down by a large majority at the meeting. But we have the land still waiting.

— A. Wallace Tryon

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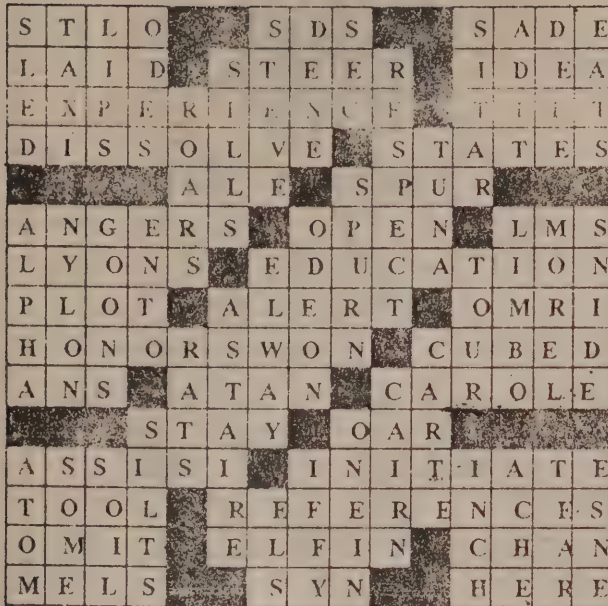
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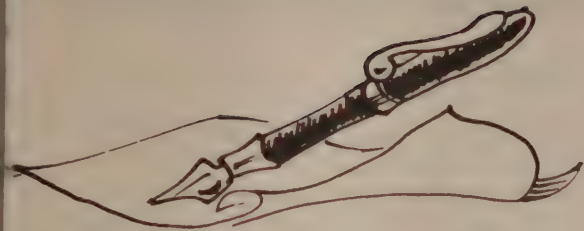
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George Stevens' steam-powered sawmill at Benedict Pond, 1915. The girl in the white dress is Mary Wallace.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Hats off to Gale Forbes, who did a spectacular job of organizing the first Monterey Community Tag Sale.

Let us hope that this will become an annual event and grow larger each year. As we become known as a good tag sale, people will come from near and far. Everyone is looking for a good place to hold a tag sale.

— Lillian P. Oislander

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ERIC H. CRAVEN

Eric H. Craven, 85, of Art School Road died May 21 at Berkshire Medical Center. He and his wife, Hedwig, owned and operated Camp Meadowlark in Monterey for 47 years.

He was born on January 25, 1906, in London, England, son of Harry and Adelaide Craven, and attended public schools in England. He attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University in New York City and a master's degree from Teachers College of Columbia.

Mr. Craven had been a part-time resident of the Berkshires since 1939, when he and his wife acquired the camp. He became a permanent resident in 1972 after his retirement from Ethical Culture Schools in New York City, where he was a faculty member for 39 years.

Mr. Craven enjoyed woodworking and joining in lively public affairs discussions.

He and his wife would have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 16.

Besides his wife, the former Hedwig B. Lefarth, he leaves a son, Eric F. Craven of San Francisco, California, and a granddaughter.

Memorial donations may be made to United Church of Christ of Monterey or the Lee Visiting Nurse Association through Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home in Great Barrington, which is in charge of arrangements.

JANICE LANOUE

Mrs. Janice Lanoue, 75, of Sandisfield Road died June 12 at Fairview Hospital.

She was born in Ashfield on August 15, 1915, daughter of Leon G. and Stella Lilly Howes, and attended local schools.

In 1951, she moved to Monterey, where she raised, showed and sold rabbits, and was a member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Mrs. Lanoue was a longtime member of the Great Barrington Camera Club. She was an avid reader and collector of many types of first editions, her favorite being her collection of Zane Grey books.

She and her husband, Joseph E. Lanoue, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary April 19.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Joseph A. Lanoue of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Harlan H. Lanoue of Monterey; two daughters, Ms. Janet M. Robinson of Norwich, New York, and Mrs. Gail A. Heath of Monterey; a brother, Gilbert Howes of Ashfield; 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, the Monterey Fire Company, or Greenpeace in care of Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, Great Barrington, which is in charge of arrangements.

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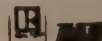
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PERSONAL NOTES

Hats off to the Monterey students named to the honor roll list at Mt. Everett Regional School for the third quarter. They are, in Grade 12, *High Honors*: **William Thieriot**; in Grade 10, *High Honors*: **Chris Burkhardt** and **Marta Makuc**; in Grade 9, *High Honors*: **Rachel Rodgers**, **Erin Sadlowski** and **Meghan Sadlowski**; in Grade 8, *High Honors*: **Paul Makuc** and **Erin Piretti**, and *Honors*: **Jason Farrenkopf**, and, in Grade 7, *Honors*: **Vanessa Halley**.

And let's not forget Monterey's honor roll students at Berkshire Country Day School. They are, in Grade 9, *Honors*: **Micole Raab** and in Grade 7, *High Honors*: **Morgan Schick**.

Congratulations to **Eleanor Kimberley**, who was one of eleven winners in the eighth annual "A Closer Look at the Berkshires" color calendar contest. Sponsored by Quality Printing of Pittsfield, the contest is open to amateur and professional photographers and artists who can submit full-color photographs or paintings. Winning entries will be featured in the 1992 calendar.

Congratulations to **Michelle Grotz**, who graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in May. Yes—an A in astronomy even—what a kid! Michelle is presently working in a law office in New York City and loving it.



Richard Westenberg was featured on *CBS This Morning* in March. The interview and performance was seen by 6 million people. I do hope some of Monterey was tuned in! **Judith** is finishing her season with two performances in Boston as part of the Boston Early Music Festival. She is expecting their second child—due date July 4—who will join 3½-year-old **Mario** at home. We'll be awaiting the news! Also, hearty congratulations to **Kristen Westenberg**, who graduated from Harvard Business School on June 6. Brother **Eric**, who is working in Lake Tahoe, came East for the ceremonies, and all of them spent a week at their Lake Garfield home together for some well-deserved R & R!

Monterey has certainly been in the news lately. Along with Richard Westenberg's appearance on *CBS This Morning*, **Maynard Forbes** and the General Store appeared on a clip on the *Today* show regarding Monterey Store dollars. Maynard was also quoted in an article in the *Washington Post* re the dollars, and a photo of **Gale Forbes** with customers appeared along with an article in the July issue of *Fortune* magazine. A now "famous" photo of a Monterey town meeting was spotted in the May 12 Sunday edition of the *Washington Post*, accompanying an article entitled "In New England, Outgrowing the Quaint and Historical Town Meeting," written by Michael Specter of *Lee*. The picture showed **Jane Bohn**, **Fred** and **Lucie Lancome**, **Hans Kessler** and **Jan Lanoue**.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Jane Thorn** on June 23, **Harold Greene**, **Jessica Thorn** and **Alex Tillet** on July 15, to **Mitchell Moulton** (his first!) on July 17, to **Leonard Weber** on July 18, to **Richard Sheridan** and **Oona Sellew** (her first!) on July 23, to **Thomas Jefferson Lipsky** (his first!) on July 24, and to **Charles McTavish** on July 28.

Very Special wishes to **John** and **Stella Hogan** of Elephant Rock Road, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8. The Hogans winter in Venice, Florida, and have spent the past 30 summers right here in Monterey.

Any news you'd like to share? Please jot your items down and drop them in the mail to me, Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. I appreciate your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz

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As of June 20, we have received more than 400 responses to our annual appeal. Our thanks to the following people who contributed this month:

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- Wednesday, July 3-Saturday, July 6*—Disposal of furniture at the Monterey Transfer Station during regular dump hours. Free to anyone with a valid dump sticker.
- Saturday, July 6*—Mini-Film Festival of animated children's classics, 10:00 a.m. at the library.
- Saturday, July 6*—Concert by renowned cellist David Darling, 7:30 p.m. at the church. For more information, see "Church News" elsewhere in this issue.
- Wednesday, July 10*—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. MaryKate Jordan will speak on "The Astrological Significance of Monterey." The future of the community dinners will be discussed.
- Thursday, July 11*—Friends of Silence Meditation at the home of Alice and Arthur Somers, 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 11*—Trip to visit bird rehabilitator Julie Collier of Alford, sponsored by the Monterey Library. Carpools leave from the library at 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 12*—Historical Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the General Knox Museum at the library. The program will deal with quilts and quilt-making. For further information, see Focus on Quilts elsewhere in this issue.



- Saturday, July 13*—Quilts on exhibit in the General Knox Museum at the library, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 13*—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.
- Sunday, July 14*—Monterey Land Trust Annual Meeting and Picnic, 12:30 p.m. at Bidwell Park. For more information, see "Land Trust News" elsewhere in this issue.
- Saturday, July 20*—Second-Homeowners meeting with the Selectmen, 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.
- Saturday, July 27*—Monterey Library Annual Book and Bake Sale, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 27*—Monterey Fire Company 14th Annual Steak Roast. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m. at the pavilion behind the firehouse, with dancing to David Grover and his band afterward. Tickets are \$15.00 from members of the Fire Company.
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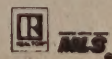
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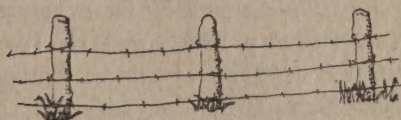
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